

Remarks

The Pending Claims

Claims 1-14, 16-31 are pending in this application.

The Office Action

In the Final Office Action dated October 31, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-9, 16-18, 21-23, 26 and 28-30 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Curtis et al and Nastke et al for the reasons of record. Applicant does not agree with this rejection for the reasons presented in the response filed July 31, 2003.

Objections

Claims 5, 6, 10-14, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These claims are rewritten above to eliminate this objection and to place these claims in condition for allowance.

Fee Payment

Authorization is hereby made to charge any fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1440.

Conclusion

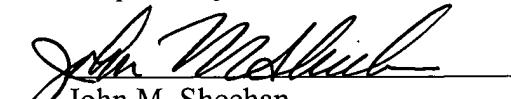
In view of the above amendments and remarks, the objected to claims are considered in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow these claims in order to reduce the issues for consideration on Appeal.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (215) 299-6966.

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